

**CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
DRAFT MINUTES  
March 12, 2019**

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Commissioners:

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Barre City    | Janet Shatney            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Moretown     | Dara Torre, Secretary          |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            |               | Heather Grandfield, Alt. | <input type="checkbox"/>            |              | Joyce Manchester, Alt          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Barre Town    | Byron Atwood             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Northfield   | Laura Hill-Eubanks, Vice-Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            |               | Mark Nicholson, Alt.     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Orange       | Lee Cattaneo                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Berlin        | Robert Wernecke          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Plainfield   | Bram Towbin                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            |               | Karla Nuissl, Alt.       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |              | Paula Emery, Alt.              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cabot         | Amy Hornblas             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Roxbury      | Jerry D'Amico                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Calais        | John Brabant             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Waitsfield   | Don La Haye                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            |               | Jan Ohlsson, Alt.        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |              | Harrison Snapp, Alt.           |
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| <input type="checkbox"/>            |               | Jack Pauly, Alt.         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Waterbury    | Steve Lotspeich                |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Fayston       | Karl Klein               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Williamstown | Richard Turner                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Marshfield    | Melissa Seifert          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Williamstown | Jacqueline Higgins, Alt.       |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Montpelier    | Kirby Keeton             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Worcester    | Bill Arrand                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            |               | Mike Miller, Alt.        |                                     |              |                                |

Staff: Bonnie Waninger, Nancy Chartrand  
Guests: Jamie Stewart, Central Vermont Economic Development; Eileen Pelletier, Downstreet Housing & Community Development

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair J. Potter called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Quorum was present to conduct business.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CENTRAL VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Chair Potter welcomed Jamie Stewart, Executive Director of Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation (CVEDC). Stewart advised that on April 3<sup>rd</sup> CVEDC in collaboration with Vermont Department of Labor and Creative Workforce Solutions will be holding their 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Job Fair at Barre

1 Auditorium. This has been a very successful event and they expect to match or exceed last year's  
2 numbers with regards to presenters and attendees. Stewart then went on to provide details and a short  
3 presentation about Northern Borders Regional Commission grants becoming available for state and local  
4 governments, regional planning commissions, and non profit entities; and the upcoming information  
5 session scheduled for March 20, 2019, and it was strongly encouraged that interested parties attend this  
6 session. Questions and answers ensued regarding the types of projects that fit within the scope of the  
7 grant program (i.e. telecommunication infrastructure, renewable and alternative energy, transportation  
8 infrastructure, basic public infrastructure, business and workforce development, basic health care,  
9 resource conservation, tourism and recreation, studies and planning such as engineering. Letters of  
10 Intent are due by March 29<sup>th</sup>, and the application deadline is May 10<sup>th</sup>.

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12 Additional details about the grants can be obtained here: [http://www.nbrc.gov/content/2019-eid-](http://www.nbrc.gov/content/2019-eid-investments)  
13 [investments](http://www.nbrc.gov/content/2019-eid-investments)

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### 15 **DOWNSTREET HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

16 Chair Potter welcomed Eileen Pelletier, Executive Director of Downstreet Housing & Community  
17 Development. Pelletier provided a presentation outlining their organization and their core goals. The  
18 mission of Downstreet is to strengthen the communities of Central Vermont by engaging with people,  
19 providing affordable homes and connecting people to the resources and services they need to thrive.  
20 Their organization collaborates with partners in the community to work towards providing appropriate  
21 housing and connection to services. She advised they are currently collaborating with Norwich  
22 University on a tiny house project in Barre City.

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24 Questions and answers were incorporated into the entire presentation with lots of great information  
25 shared regarding the challenges and successes of housing in Central Vermont.

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27 Pelletier went on to briefly outline the role of Downstreet in the Opioid Coordination Council Call to  
28 Action and the critical need for safe and sober living environments (recovery residences). This is  
29 currently a priority.

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### 31 **2019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

32 Chair Potter directed the Board to the information in the packet. D. Torre nominated B. Wernecke, A.  
33 Quackenbush and B. Atwood for the Nominating Committee. Chair Potter inquired if there were any  
34 other nominations. Nominations were closed. It was suggested and agreed that there be one vote to  
35 incorporate all 3 nominations. A voice vote was held to approve the three nominees; and the vote  
36 passed.

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### 38 **BOARD OF COMMISSIONER SURVEY RESULTS**

39 N. Chartrand provided a presentation with the results of the Board Survey that was conducted in late  
40 2018 and completed by 14 members. In follow-up to this presentation Chair Potter opened discussion  
41 regarding potential for changing meeting time as was outlined in the survey. Discussion ensued  
42 regarding preferences.

1 *L. Catteneo made a motion to change the meeting time to 6:30 to 8:30 pm, seconded by A.*  
2 *Quackenbush. B. Waninger asked if 6:30 prohibits anyone from participating – no hardships were noted.*  
3 *Motion carried.*

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5 **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

6 B. Waninger provided details regarding the Legislative Report provided prior to the meeting. S.96 is  
7 related to Clean Water Funds. The current version of the bill was presented as well as the concerns  
8 raised by RPC's regarding the proposed version (maintenance, enforcement). It is expected that there  
9 will be more amendments to the bill and that some version of it may be passed this session. Discussion  
10 ensued and concerns were raised that the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) should not be pushing this  
11 accountability on other entities such as RPC's and that there was a lack of process, methodology, and  
12 standards.

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14 B. Towbin requested that B. Waninger provide a message to ANR from Plainfield suggesting a need to  
15 better align their own policies to support clean water.

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17 J. Potter advised anyone with additional comments / suggestions is encouraged to speak directly to B.  
18 Waninger.

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20 **MEETING MINUTES**

21 *B. Wernecke moved to approve January 8, 2019 minutes; seconded by D. La Haye. Motion carried.*

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23 **ADJOURNMENT**

24 *D. La Haye moved to adjourn at 9:03 pm; B. Wernecke seconded. Motion carried.*

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26 Respectfully submitted,

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28 Nancy Chartrand

29 Office Manager